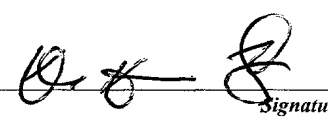
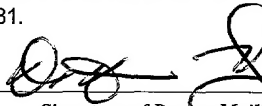
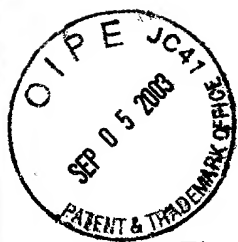


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> (Large Entity)		Docket No. 4296-168 US	
In Re Application Of: Kishino, K et al.			
Serial No. 09/473,415	Filing Date December 29, 1999	Examiner Thexton, M.	Group Art Unit 1714
Invention: <b>ACRYLONITRILE SOLUTIONS OF MALEIMIDES, METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF, AND ACRYLONITRILE BASED COPOLYMERS OBTAINED BY USE OF THE SOLUTIONS</b>			
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>March 4, 2003</u> above-identified application. <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</span>			
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"><span><input type="checkbox"/> One month</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Two months</span><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Four months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Five months</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>from: <u>June 4, 2003</u> <span style="margin-left: 50px;">Date</span></div><div>until: <u>September 4, 2003</u> <span style="margin-left: 50px;">Date</span></div></div>			
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$930</b> and is to be paid as follows: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2165 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-2165 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</div>			
 <span style="margin-left: 150px;">Signature</span>		Dated: September 3, 2003	
Diane Dunn McKay, Reg. No. 34,586 Mathews, Collins, Shepherd & McKay, P.A. 100 Thanet Circle, Suite 306 Princeton, NJ 08540 Tel: 609 925 8555 Fax: 609 924 3036		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>September 3, 2003</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p><div style="text-align: center;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div><div style="text-align: center;">Diane Dunn McKay Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div></div>	
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.